

LOCAL NEWS.

"SHOT BY A LADY."—Under this head the Gazette last week gave an account of a shooting affair in Maryland, a short distance from the ferry house, opposite this city. Miss Ferguson, the lady in the case, called at the Star office in Washington yesterday and made the following statement:

She was appointed in January, 1869, as teacher in the Freedmen's school, on the land of Toward Bushrod Robey, near Sorra'sville, Prince George's county, Md., established by the Pennsylvania branch of the Freedmen's Union Commission, but in consequence of the cessation of the educational work by the Freedmen's Bureau, for want of money, Miss Ferguson was informed by the proper authorities that she must try to get along on what she could collect of the colored people. This did not prove very profitable, and she closed the school from September 1st to December 1st, and put the key in her pocket. Learning, however, a week or two after, that a Mrs. Adams had taken possession of the school house and found Mrs. Adams there, who sent for Mr. Robey. The latter (who is not a trustee as reported, though his son is) had formerly insisted Miss Ferguson, she alleges, when she called to get a letter which was at his house directed to her, by offering to kiss her, for which, she says, she is sorry she did not shoot him on the spot. On this occasion, however, Mr. Robey said nothing about kissing, but ordered Miss Ferguson off his land. She said that General Howard had paid \$200 for the land, for a school house, she was the regularly appointed teacher, and she would not leave. She says that Robey—who is a Falstaff in his proportions—chased her in and out, and threatened the school house, and threatened her with a brick. After this he threw her out the door, but she did not go. The pistol which she carried, she says, did she fire. The pistol was fired twice, and Mr. Robey's son, who was in the school house, retreated to a corner of the school house, made himself as small as he could, and hid in a bunch before his face. Miss Ferguson said she fired at his face, but the pistol did not go, and the ball passed over his head and did not touch his coat, as stated in the account heretofore published, and that the ball could have been seen in the wall over the place where his head was, even unto this day. She denies her carrying a pistol by the reasonable statement that going through the woods two or three times to and from school, in a thinly settled section, is a dangerous business for unprotected females.

The Marlboro' Gazette says:—"The school closed in its Spaulding or Surratt's district, and is used for colored children, and is in no way under the control of our Board of County School Commissioners." Miss Ferguson is from Washington city. Her pistol contained but two loads."

SCHOOL CENSUS OF THE COUNTY.—The Superintendent of Public Schools furnishes for publication the following abstract of census of persons between the ages of five and twenty-one years, in the county of Alexandria, for the year 1870:

Jefferson District.—Number of white males 57, number of white females 75—total white 132. Number of colored males 134, number of colored females 103—total colored 237; total white and colored 369.

Arlington District.—Number of white males 69, number of white females 71—total white 140. Number of colored males 131, number of colored females 106—total colored 237; total white and colored 377.

Washington District.—Number of white males 44, number of white females 52—total white 96. Number of colored males 48, number of colored females 32—total colored 80; total white and colored 176.

Total, white males and females 368; total colored males and females 554; total white and colored 922.

The abstract of educational statistics for the county of Alexandria, for the year ending August 31, 1870, shows:

Number of primary schools, 3; number primary and classical mathematical schools, 0; number classical and mathematical schools, 0; total number schools, 3; total number pupils on the rolls, 112; total average attendance, 87.

Number white male teachers, 0; number white female teachers, 1; total number white teachers, 1; number colored male teachers, 1; total number colored teachers, 2; total number white and colored teachers, 3.

Average charge per pupil for primary instruction, 63 cts.; average charge per pupil for classical and mathematical instruction 0.

Total amount received by teachers in the county, \$192.

Average number months schools are kept open during the year, 7½.

Number primary school houses, 2.

COMMON COUNCIL.—The adjourned meeting of the Common Council, which, as there was no quorum present the night before, was, under the rules, to have been held last night, was again postponed. At a quarter before eight o'clock, last night, Mr. Massey took the Chair, and the roll being called Messrs. Shinn, Wheat, Moore, Lawson, Price, Massey, Evans and Dyson answered to their names. As no quorum was present, Mr. Massey adjourned the Board, stating that there was some doubt as to whether under the rules, the adjournment should be continued from night to night until a quorum could be obtained, but while some of the members were giving their opinions upon this doubt Mr. Porter appeared, and a quorum being then present Mr. Shinn was called to the Chair, but on motion of Mr. Wheat the Board, without transacting any business, adjourned until next Tuesday night.

RIVER NEWS.—The river still presents an unbroken sheet of ice as far as the eye can reach in both directions, and from present indication there is no prospect of a change. The tug Kate Wise and Potomac forced their way down as far as the White House yesterday, for the New York steamer E. C. Knight, reported at anchor there, but returned about dark having seen or heard nothing of her or of any other vessels. They report the look-out at the White House as presenting nothing but a continuous expanse of ice. The agent of the R. F. & P. R. R. was here this morning endeavoring to charter tug boats to open a track for the Aquia Creek steamers, but failing, he left for Baltimore, where the desired boats can be procured, and from which city they will start immediately for Washington.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.—A colored woman, for disorderly conduct, was discharged after she had cleaned up the Station House.

A colored man, for breaking the window of a hack belonging to Mr. Legg, was discharged upon the payment of damages.

MAGISTRATES' OFFICE.—Martha Washington and her husband William, arrested for robbing the house of S. F. Bancroft, in Fairfax county, were discharged for want of evidence.

NIGHT REPORT.—Night clear and cold. There were no disturbances in any quarter of the city, and the streets were unusually quiet.

CORPORATION COURT.

The January term of the Corporation Court will commence on Monday next. Among the criminal cases set for this term are those of John W. Payne, for robbing the dry goods store of Mr. Stewart; William Claggett, colored, for robbing the store of Messrs. Knox & Wattles; Charles Seales, colored, for stealing clothing from Mr. John Atwell; Newton Smith, colored, for the murder of his illegitimate child; W. P. Phillips, for picking the pocket of Thomas Downey; Frank Lowrey, colored, for stealing lumber from G. L. Seaton; George Benson, colored, for stealing clothing from Jacob Hatch; John Maister for robbing the steamer Virginia; Hugh Strider and John Boswell for robbing the office of Mr. Bradley; and Charles Allen Girard for stealing a canoe from J. E. Dameson.

CHARGE OF MURDER.—A letter was received by Mayor Head, of Leesburg, yesterday, from Frederick City, Maryland, informing him of a murder that was committed in the place on the 27th, and that the murderer in his flight had dropped a letter addressed to Gen. Cooper, of Leesburg, and offering a reward for the arrest of said Cooper. Cooper was accordingly arrested and committed to jail, but during last night was released at the instance of his counsel, as the grounds upon which he was arrested were not deemed sufficient. Cooper, though in Frederick on the 27th, denied all knowledge of the murder and willingly submitted to his arrest.

TARIFF REDUCTIONS.—By the new tariff which goes into effect on the 1st of January, many changes are made in the revenue, among the most important of which are the following:—Teas, from 25 to 15 cents; coffee, from 5 to 3 cents; new sugar, from 3½ to 1½ cents; sugar above No. 7, from 4 to 2 cents; refined sugar, from 5 to 4 cents; cane molasses, from 8 to 5 cents; brandy, from \$3 to \$2; liquors, from \$2.50 to \$2 per proof gallon; wool, from 30 per cent to 11 and 10 cents; steel railway bars, from 25 and 10 per cent to 1½ cents; pig iron, from \$9 to \$7.

ALEXANDRIA & FREDERICKSBURG R. R.—The contractors on the A. & F. R. R. have broken ground about a quarter of a mile this side of Colchester, and now have a force of about fifty men employed in cuts on Mrs. Readon's farm, Rhode Hampton, and on the farm of Mr. Lewis Western. They will soon commence work on the farm of Mr. Christopher Western, where they are now erecting shanties for the accommodation of their laborers.

MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.—The several District Boards of School Trustees for this city (now consolidated by their own action, and by the consent of the Superintendent of Public Instruction,) will meet at the office of the County Superintendent, 177 Prince street, this evening at 7½ o'clock, to elect teachers for the colored schools and to make rules and regulations for the government of all the schools.

BROKE A HACK.—Some colored musicians hired a hack from Mr. Legg yesterday to go as far as Gooding's, on the Little River Turnpike. On their return, this morning, one of them broke the window of the hack, and just as the vehicle reached the limits of the city he jumped through the opening he had made and attempted to escape, but was soon caught, and compelled to pay damages.

WANTS MENDING.—The pump at the corner of Columbus and Pendleton streets wants mending. It has been out of order for two weeks and as it supplies water to a large number of people, its present condition is a source of considerable inconvenience.

PURCHASE.—Mr. Caleb Cushing has purchased the tract of land in the county, about 2½ miles from the Aqueduct bridge, known as the John Brown farm.

FESTIVAL.—The Methodists of Manassas will give an oyster supper and holiday festival at their church Saturday night.

"RICHELIEU."—The production of this play at Liberty Hall, next Monday night, will, it is anticipated, be a very interesting entertainment. McKean Buchanan has everywhere been greeted with praise from the critics and the public, and he brings with him a company every way able to support him. The Louisville Journal says: "Little need be said of Mr. Buchanan. Every character which he assumes shows him to be a tragedian of extraordinary ability. The company is composed of indubitable actors, and gentlemen thoroughly studied in their business, every part being carefully and truthfully represented. A first class tragedian, with a splendid company and a magnificent wardrobe, cannot fail wherever they go, to call out the intelligent and educated portion of the community to witness their fine performance of the most popular of Shakespeare's grand tragic plays." No pains, it is said, will be spared to make the performance a success, and ladies can attend without any fear of the annoyances that they are sometimes subject to. Those who wish, can secure their seats in advance.

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Handkerchiefs of every description at prime cost.

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dec 24 JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS', 63 King street.

TELEGRAPH NEWS.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.]

FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Col. Parker, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, is about to resign; he has no desire to be removed.

Vanderbilt here, and will get the question of taxing the dividends of the New York Central Railroad continued until Pleasanton comes into office, when Vanderbilt hopes to have a better chance than under the late regime.

The government is now paying out thirty-two millions in gold for the January interest on the public debt.

Haltemann, of Penn., will, it is said, be called to account, in the House of Representatives, for beating his wife, Senator Cameron's daughter.

There will be strong efforts made next week to induce Congress to interfere in Georgia and North Carolina.

We are gay and festive. The late social notoriety are the reception of Senator Cole's daughter last night and the reception of Gen. Sherman's daughter to night.

FOREIGN NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The French vice consul in the island of Jersey has ordered all the French refugees to report to army headquarters for service in France immediately. All failing to comply with the order will be considered deserters.

The French have resolved to defend Cambrai at all hazards.

There is a force of 2,000 Prussians at St. Quentin, twenty-five miles south of Cambrai.

The force which recently occupied Arras has evacuated the place, but its precise movements are unknown.

BOURDEAUX, Dec. 29.—Evening.—The presence here of Gambetta has given great impetus to military preparations. Troops are rapidly going forward to the armies in the field. Many were sent to day who had just arrived from the South of France. Cannon of a new pattern, as well as small arms and ammunition, have lately been sent to the front.

At the earnest request of Gambetta no public reception was tendered him on his arrival here. An effort was made to have him accept an ovation on New Year's Day, but he firmly declined.

The local weather continues, circumscribing to some extent military operations.

General Bourbake's army is now marching eastward. The General has been charged with the mission to cut the Prussian lines of communication in all directions in that quarter. General Chanzy has sent a strong column to Montoire, driving the Prussians out of that place and taking many prisoners.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Prussian Government has replied to the representations of the English cabinet that it will give indemnity bonds to the owners of the British vessels recently destroyed to impede the navigation of the Seine, but declines to compensate the sailors for the harsh treatment accorded them.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

The Great Pictorial Annual.

Hostetter's United States Almanac for 1871, for distribution, gratis, throughout the United States and all civilized countries of the Western Hemisphere, will be published about the first of January, in the English, German, French, Norwegian, Welsh, Swedish, Holland, Bohemian and Spanish languages, and all who wish to understand the true philosophy of health should read and ponder the valuable suggestions it contains. In addition to an admirable medical treatise on the causes, prevention and cure of a great variety of diseases, it embraces a large amount of information interesting to the merchant, the mechanic, the miner, the farmer, the planter and professional man; and the calculations have been made for such meridians and latitudes as are most suitable for a correct and comprehensive NATIONAL CALENDAR.

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